

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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As followers of Christ, "our aim should be to promote God's glory among the nations. To do that, we must honor Him with the very best of our lives, not with the leftovers."

Steven J. Cole.

Welcome first time guests - THANK YOU for visiting St. Andrew United Methodist Church website. We hope that as you read through the bulletin and activities you will sense our love of Christ and each other.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for comfort, healing, strength and peace for members and friends of our congregation

Church Family Activities at St. Andrew

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES BUILDING SESSIONS

The building and expanding of our Children's and Youth Ministries is a top priority for the church in 2018 and we can't wait to get started! Like any vital and necessary church-wide ministry...we need an 'all hands on deck' approach to be faithful to God's calling and successful in our plans. God may be calling you to step-up and step-in to this great new initiative. We need volunteers in teaching, coordinating, directing, administrating, and supporting Sunday morning children's ministry, Tuesday evening children's ministry, high school youth ministry, and middle school youth ministry.

Come out to one of our BUILDING sessions to learn more about the various opportunities to serve! Pastor Erik and some of the Children's and Youth Ministries leaders will be hosting four sessions:

- Sunday 2/4 at 11:30am in the Sanctuary

FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday February 10th, 8am-11am. Start the weekend off right with the whole family having breakfast together. Cost: \$6.00 adult, \$3.00 children (3-12yrs). Menu: Sausage, beverage, juice and the men's famous pancakes. Proceeds go to support our scouting units. Come out for good food and fellowship.

ST. ANDREW 50th ANNIVERSARY

year has arrived!! Our kickoff event will be a covered dish dinner on Saturday Feb 10th at 5:00pm. Bring a dish to share and your memories old and new. We will be collecting pictures for a scrapbook! We will make copies of any pictures you can lend us and return them to you so please mark them with your name. We will also have journal pages for your thoughts and prayers if you would prefer. This will circulate all year. We would love you to join our committee with ideas. Save the date, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23, for the ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, Worship Service and lunch! Please see Mary or Lydia with ideas and memorabilia. Please look for sign-up sheets upstairs in the Narthex and downstairs on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall, we need to get a headcount. Thanks!

LITTLE BLESSINGS

Do you have a pre-schooler aged 1 1/2 to 5 years or maybe you know of someone who does? Come join us at *Little Blessings* on Wednesday, February 14 from 9:30 to 11:00am in Memorial Hall.

Our activities are Christian themed and Bible based. Your little blessing will be engaged in a variety of activities, music, snack and prayer time.

If you have any questions, contact Vita at 732 349-5367 or email at vitalynn@yahoo.com

We have this precious opportunity to teach our young children to know and love God in a safe and nurturing environment.

ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIPS The Endowment Fund Committee is again pleased to announce the availability of scholarships to members of St. Andrew for any post high school education. Scholarship criteria information and applications are available through the church office. If you have any questions about the scholarship please contact the Endowment Fund Chairperson, Russ Boucher at: cfm.russ@comcast.net. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2018.

GREATER NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (GNJAC) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available. Please see bulletin boards for details and application or go to GNJAC website at www.gnjamc.org. Deadline is March 31, 2018.

ST. ANDREW UMC CONFIRMATION CLASS is now forming, you must be in the 7th grade or older please contact the church office. April 25th will be the first class 4:30pm with Pastor Erik.

HELP NEEDED

We have some families here at St. Andrew that need our help with small family projects they cannot do themselves. If you ever wanted to go on a mission trip but could not go, here is your opportunity to serve. If you would like to help, see or call Doug Clayton 732 349-5367. Doug is heading up this initiative for the UMM. All are welcome, men, women, boys and girls. We all can make a difference the same way that Christ has made a difference in our lives.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT SAUMC

Please take time to pick up the service opportunity posting on the back tables. We will have the latest postings available, as these opportunities will be evolving over time. If you are interested please connect with Pastor Erik Hall or the ministry leader on the posting.

SAINT ANDREW PERFORMANCE TROUPE We are looking for performers of all ages to share their talents with the community at Spring Oak Independent and Assisted Living of Toms River. Our variety show style performances will take place on the third Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. Performers will prepare their pieces on their own (there will be no rehearsals.) If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the Saint Andrew Performance Troupe, contact Amy Hall for more information: Email: amyhall213@yahoo.com.

Women of St. Andrew

UMW GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, February 10

This is going to be a meeting you don't want to miss! This is the opportunity to make room in your closets or on your shelves! Gather up any long-term stored item, regifted item or that burdensome gift you just can't use. Gift wrap or gift bag it and bring it with you on our meeting day.

In addition, at our meeting we are delighted to have a guest speaker from The People's Pantry at our meeting. The People's Pantry is a community based supermarket style pantry that is serving 16,000 Ocean County food fragile residents. All the proceeds from our White Elephant Auction will go to benefit The People's Pantry.

Before our meeting, come enjoy a delicious breakfast by the UMM and then join us at the meeting.

Don't Miss it!! White Elephant General Meeting on Saturday, February 10 at 10:30 in rooms 4, 5, 6.

Tickets will be available at the UMW table in Fellowship Lobby.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings. Georgia Noon (2/5), Susanne Mateo (2/6), Audrey Sustmann (2/7), Janet Darcy (2/9), Pat Graf (2/10).

Missions

FEBRUARY MISSION PRAYER Our Mission prayer focus for February is the Neighborhood Center in Camden, NJ. We pray for God's blessing upon the people who are served by the Neighborhood Center, from the youngest child in day care to the senior adults who participate in the Sage Program. Please also lift up in prayer those who work on staff and those who volunteer at the Neighborhood Center, that God would bless their work and efforts and enlarge their capacity to love abundantly, proclaiming Christ's love through their service.

FEBRUARY COMMUNION OFFERING It is our tradition at St. Andrew UMC to present an opportunity for giving to a mission project on Communion Sundays. This month's Offering is for the Neighborhood Center, Inc. in Camden NJ. Your generous financial support makes it possible for the Neighborhood Center to be a catalyst for change in the lives of children, teenagers, and the community which is being served, breaking the cycle of poverty. Thank you and God bless you for your financial and prayer support of the Neighborhood Center, Inc.! See a nearby article for information about the Neighborhood Center.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, INC. Begun in 1913 by UM Deaconesses, the Neighborhood Center in Camden is a United Methodist Women National Mission Institution. The mission of The Neighborhood Center is to generously love our neighbor as ourselves with abundant service and hope today and every day. The Neighborhood Center identified the need to break the cycle of poverty for children (which include poor education and poor family structures). Breaking the Cycle of Poverty, so that a child has success in life. The programs serving children are designed to help children and young adults in a 4-fold life: mind, body, spirit, and community. The Neighborhood Center drives sustainable programs that help a child to aspire; to achieve; and to be successful in school - and, along the way, learn about Christ. The Neighborhood Center demonstrates core Christian values - Love the Lord - through programs with children and the community. Programs include: Urban Community Farm; Child Care Learning Center; After School and Teens; Sophisticated Sisters; Camp Kumbaya (Summer Enrichment Program); Sages Program; and the Community Kitchen, daily serving a healthy, bagged take-away lunch to all who come. Information about these programs is presented on the Missions Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall Lobby.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT: 2018 MONTHLY GUIDE As explained in our January announcements, each month we are including a monthly guide for you to begin to personally purchase and tuck away shoebox items throughout the year. Savvy shoppers know that they can impact more children around the world for eternity by looking for shoebox items throughout the year. At St. Andrew, we'll still kick off our Operation Christmas Child project in July under the "Christmas in July" banner when we'll distribute empty shoeboxes and OCC labels. By then, you should have a supply of shoebox gifts that are sure to bless and delight boys and girls! **For the month of February, consider purchasing accessories, like sunglasses, watches, bracelets, hair scrunchies, costume jewelry, etc.** We hope you will also pray for the children who will receive your 2018 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! For additional information about our Operation Christmas Child project, please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, at 732-833-9975. Thank you and God bless you!



LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR

The Spirit Lake Ministry Center is dedicated to supporting the people of the Spirit Lake Nation and is an approved United Methodist Volunteer in Mission destination.

SPIRIT LAKE MINISTRY OUTREACH PROJECT This project is a special outreach to Native American children through a program sponsored by the Spirit Lake Ministry Center in North Dakota (an approved United Methodist Volunteer in Mission destination). In 2017

we gathered donations and arranged them as gift-filled boxes for 28 individual children. These gift-filled boxes were mailed to the Spirit Lake Ministry Center in ND and were distributed as part of their Christmas outreach program reaching children who live on reservations in ND, SD, and Minnesota. **During January and February, we are collecting donations for Christmas 2018 (new items only, please!): winter hats, mittens and gloves; bars of mild soap; soft toothbrushes; toothpaste (expiration date in 2019); small toys, crayons, and small coloring books or writing pads. The age groups include: 3-5; 6-8; 9-12; 13 and older.** Items may be placed in the marked bin in Fellowship Hall Lobby near the Missions Bulletin Board. For information about Spirit Lake Ministry Center or this outreach project, please contact Lucy DeBarge at (732) 833-9975. Thank you for your generosity!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Parmalat Milk, Juice, Cereal, Chili, Fruit, Jelly, Ravioli, **Pasta**, Rice, Soup, Peanut Butter, Pork & Beans and Tuna.

Bible Study

THE WIRED WORD, a weekly study seeking to find the biblical principles at work in newsworthy events, offers 2 unique features. Each week the class is based on a different significant happening somewhere in the world, with scripture that looks to give biblical perspective to the events, motives and outcomes in that story. This leads to discussions of how these principles can play out in our lives. Because of one-time nature of each study, ***The Wired Word*** study is perfect for those who can only attend occasionally. **Meeting Sunday Morning 9am in Memorial Hall.**

CHRISTIAN COFFEES Our current study is the gospel of Mark. We are using the John MacArthur Study Guide, *Mark – The Humanity of Christ*. The gospel of Mark, more than any other Gospel, gives us precious glimpses into Christ's humanity. Our Christian Coffees study group meets at 9:00am in Classroom #9 (next to Memorial Hall). We encourage you to grab a cup of coffee or tea from Fellowship Hall, then join us for an hour of study and discussion. For additional information please reach out to Lucy DeBarge at 732-349-5367

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY Our current study continues on consecutive Thursday evenings through March 22, 2018. Our class is using the DVD-driven study, *True Spirituality – Becoming A Romans 12 Christian*, by Pastor Chip Ingram with Living on the Edge Ministries. This study is based on the Letter of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 12. Our Thursday Evening Bible Study class meetings are in Memorial Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm unless otherwise noted in the Weekly Calendar. For more information please reach out to Lucy DeBarge at 732-349-5367.

WHILE WE WAIT Living the Questions of Advent is being offered Thursday nights, 7:00-9:00pm by Ladies Loving, Learning & Serving the Lord at St. Andrew.

This is a beautiful Advent study, we had to wait to do, because life happened and we were too busy! But, you will love this unique and valid look at this time in Christ's coming into our world as a baby.

The following link offers us a broad view that supports the relevance of studying these miraculous events after our calendar date of December 25th!

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/christ-is-born>

We have 3 new books available. Cost \$14

We will meet in the Shared Ministry Office. Contact Ann Canter with any questions at twosongs@comcast.net, or 732-349-5367. Be sure to identify yourself by name if you text & include the SUBJECT so I don't SPAM your inquiry!

BIBLE STUDIES AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES We currently offer weekly Bible Study classes at both The Chelsea on Silverton Rd. and Spring Oak on Whitesville Rd. Our group meets at the Chelsea on consecutive Friday mornings, 10:30 am to 11:30 am, continuing through March 23. At Spring Oak we meet on consecutive Wednesday mornings, 10:30 am to 11:30 am, continuing through March 28. For more information or if you would like to join our group at either location, please reach out to Lucy DeBarge at 732-833-9975. Our senior neighbors at these facilities would warmly welcome you!

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP GREETERS (SANCTUARY)

Feb. 11 Sue Magyar, Ruth Metz Feb. 18 Susanne Mateo Feb. 25 Liz & John Eisner

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Feb. 11 Team #1 Feb. 18 Team #2 Feb. 25 Team #3

WORSHIP LEADER (SANCTUARY)

Feb. 11 Doug Clayton Feb. 18 John Phander Feb. 25 Vita Hansen

WORSHIP LEADER (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Feb. 11 Dave Richardson Feb. 18 Pete Sabey Feb. 25 Ann Canter

SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY)

Feb. 11 Russ Thistle, Russell K. Thistle

Feb. 18 Dick Green, Joe Herflicker

Feb. 25 Russ Thistle, Russell K.

SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Feb. 11 Keila Earp, Valerie Earp

Feb. 18 Joe Leuth, Russ Thistle

Feb. 25 Bill Koch, Keila Earp

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 4	<p style="text-align: center;">9:00AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:15AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:15AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30AM</p>	<p>Blood Pressure Screening Adult Bible Study (Christian Coffees rm.9; Wired Word in Memorial Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall) Children's & Youth Ministries Building Sessions (Sanctuary) Meatball Parm Sub Sale Pick-up After Worship <i>Interfaith begins (Memorial Hall and Wing)</i></p>
Mon., Feb. 5	<p style="text-align: center;">5:30PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:15-6:45PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:45PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00PM</p>	<p>Bell Choir Rehearsal Shared Ministry Office Reserved Gospel Choir Rehearsal Troop 36 (Fellowship Hall) <i>Interfaith (Memorial Hall and Wing)</i></p>
Tues., Feb. 6	<p style="text-align: center;">10:00AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5-5:30PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30-6:30PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study (rm. 4, 5) Gospel Choir Rehearsal Thrive Choir Thrive Education ages 4 through 8th grade (Fellowship Hall) YES Club grades 5-8 (rm. 4, 5) <i>Interfaith (Memorial Hall and Wing)</i></p>
Wed., Feb. 7	<p style="text-align: center;">10:00AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30-7:30PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30PM</p>	<p>Knit Wits (4, 5) MYF (Fellowship Hall) <i>Interfaith (Memorial Hall and Wing)</i></p>
Thurs., Feb. 8	<p style="text-align: center;">6:30PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00PM</p>	<p>Dens (Fellowship Hall 4-6) Thursday Evening Bible Study (choir room) "While We Wait" Advent Study (Shared Ministry Office) <i>Interfaith (Memorial Hall and Wing)</i></p>
Fri., Feb. 9		<i>Interfaith (Memorial Hall and Wing)</i>
Sat., Feb. 10	<p style="text-align: center;">8-11:00AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00PM</p>	<p>Church wide Pancake Breakfast sponsored by UMM all proceeds go to the Scouts) UMW General Meeting (4, 5, 6) Covered Dish Kick Off SAUMC 50th Anniversary (Fellowship Hall) AA (4, 5) <i>Interfaith (Memorial Hall and Wing)</i></p>
Sun., Feb. 11 Scout Sunday	<p style="text-align: center;">9:00AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:15AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:15AM</p>	<p>Adult Bible Study (Christian Coffees rm.9; Wired Word in Memorial Hall) Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)</p>